

My dear Doctor Gray, from
Seeing a number of notes
in a handwriting supposed
by my acute observers to
be yours, I have a
Suspicion amounting almost
to belief, that you know
how to use and have some
uses for an inkstand.

Will you therefore
accept this primitive inkstand

On this anniversary of
your birth day, with the
hope that it may prove
sufficient to supply the
want of the botanical
Garden, with that black,
odious fluid so indispensable
even in the brightest &
tendrest correspondence.

Had you nice
consider to as a slight
token of the true &
warm friendship I bear

to you is the
risk of your own teeth
E. L. L.

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Apr 18th